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Idaho August Red Meat Production up 10 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for August 2012 totaled 3.7 million pounds, up 10 percent from August of last year. Accumulated red meat production for the January-August 2012 period totaled 27.9 million pounds, down 65 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.39 billion pounds in August, up 2 percent from the 4.30 billion pounds produced in August 2011. Beef production, at 2.37 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.00 million head, down 3 percent from August 2011. The average live weight was up 30 pounds from the previous year, at 1,300 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.1 million

pounds, 11 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,600 head, down 9 percent from August 2011. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from last year, at 237 pounds. Pork production totaled 2.00 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.94 million head, up 4 percent from August 2011. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 269 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 14.2 million pounds, was up 8 percent from August 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 200,500 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 142 pounds, up 10 pounds from August a year ago. January to August 2012 commercial red meat production was 32.6 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2011. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 4 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	August 2011	July 2012	August 2012	August 2012 as % of 2011
California	149.8	141.0	147.4	98
Colorado	204.9	190.5	204.9	100
Idaho	3.4	3.5	3.7	110
Illinois	240.0	228.6	263.0	110
Iowa	544.0	486.8	574.8	106
Kansas	497.1	464.7	487.3	98
Minnesota	229.8	215.8	239.3	104
Montana	1.2	1.2	1.4	109
Nebraska	636.0	593.6	667.2	105
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	93
Oklahoma	100.5	89.5	95.3	95
Oregon	6.8	5.9	6.5	96
South Dakota	83.2	70.8	85.8	103
Texas	474.4	437.9	461.2	97
Utah	41.8	42.4	43.3	104
Washington	79.7	74.5	81.2	102
Wyoming	0.9	0.5	0.8	84
United States	4,303.4	3,944.5	4,389.6	102

^{1/}Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. Totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

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Idaho's 2011 Potato Crop Valued AT A Record High \$1.04 Billion

The final value of Idaho's 2011 potato crop was \$1.04 billion, surpassing 2010's record value of \$915 million by \$128 million. The market year average price received by growers, at \$8.10 per cwt, equaled last year's record high \$8.10. Fresh prices averaged \$8.05 per cwt, down from last year's \$9.55 per cwt. Market year average processing prices were \$7.70 per cwt, up from last year's \$7.00 per cwt.

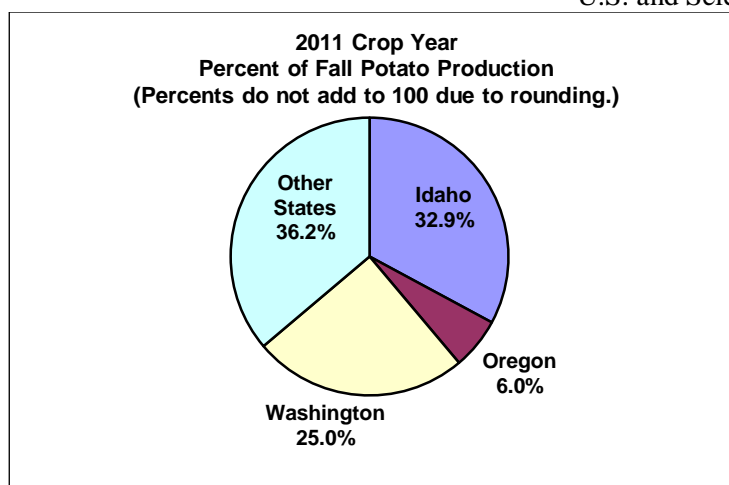
Idaho's growers sold 120 million cwt from their 2011 crop while using 925,000 cwt on the farm for seed, feed, and household consumption. The remaining 8.00 million cwt

was lost to shrinkage, decay and dumping. Fresh market sales accounted for 33.7 million cwt of the 2011 crop, up 2 percent from the 2010 crop, and processing accounted for 75.6 million cwt, up 21 percent from the 2010 crop.

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used a total of 84.8 million cwt of 2011 crop potatoes compared to 70.1 million cwt used in 2010. Of the total processed from the 2011 crop, 75.6 million cwt were Idaho potatoes. Processing in Idaho and Malheur County accounted for 58.7 percent of Idaho's production compared to 55.3 percent of the 2010 crop.

Fall Potato Production

U.S. and Selected Areas



Idaho's 2011 production of 129 million cwt accounted for 33 percent of the entire U.S. Fall production of 391 million cwt. Production in the Pacific Northwest, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, collectively, totaled 250 million cwt or 64 percent of the U.S. Fall production.

Cold Storage Stocks

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on August 31, 2012 totaled 809 million pounds, down 3 percent from July 31, 2012, and up 7 percent from August 31, 2011. Other frozen potatoes, at 221 million pounds, decreased 1 percent from the previous month's stocks but increased 13 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on August 31, 2012 totaled 204 million pounds, down 13 percent from the end of the previous month and up 23 percent from August 31, 2011. Stocks of American cheese totaled 615 million pounds, down 3 percent from July 31, 2012, and down 5 percent from August 31, 2011.

Commodity	Aug 31, 2011	Jul 31, 2012	Aug 31, 2012	2012 2011
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES:				
French Fries	758,704	829,965	808,900	107
Other Frozen	195,469	223,164	220,775	113
TOTAL	954,173	1,053,129	1,029,675	108
DAIRY:				
Butter	165,698	234,352	204,492	123
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	647,268	634,953	615,096	95

Idaho Milk Production down 0.2 Percent

Idaho milk production during August 2012 totaled 1.18 billion pounds, a 0.2 percent decrease from the same month last year and a 0.5 percent decrease from July 2012. July 2012 milk production was revised to 1.19 billion pounds, down 14 million pounds. Average milk production per cow in August 2012 was 2,040 pounds, up 10 pounds from last year's level. The average number of milk cows during August was 578,000 head, down 4,000 head from August 2011.

Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 15.3 billion pounds, down 0.2 percent from August 2011. July revised production at 15.5 billion pounds, was up 0.7 percent from July 2011. The July revision represented a decrease of 24 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,803 pounds for August, 10 pounds below August 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.50 million head, 32,000 head more than August 2011, but 4,000 head less than July 2012.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, August 2011-2012

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2011
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	187	184	1,815	1,770	339	326	-3.8
California	1,773	1,783	1,975	1,850	3,502	3,299	-5.8
Colorado	129	133	2,000	2,060	258	274	6.2
Florida	119	123	1,400	1,410	167	173	3.6
Idaho	582	578	2,030	2,040	1,181	1,179	-0.2
Illinois	98	100	1,530	1,560	150	156	4.0
Indiana	173	176	1,690	1,725	292	304	4.1
Iowa	200	203	1,770	1,790	354	363	2.5
Kansas	123	124	1,750	1,790	215	222	3.3
Michigan	366	376	1,940	1,990	710	748	5.4
Minnesota	467	465	1,570	1,620	733	753	2.7
Missouri	95	94	1,105	1,120	105	105	
New Mexico	330	328	2,065	2,015	681	661	-2.9
New York	610	610	1,785	1,820	1,089	1,110	1.9
Ohio	267	270	1,590	1,620	425	437	2.8
Oregon	123	123	1,760	1,750	216	215	-0.5
Pennsylvania	539	535	1,640	1,625	884	869	-1.7
Texas	435	440	1,795	1,740	781	766	-1.9
Utah	88	89	1,830	1,850	161	165	2.5
Vermont	134	133	1,580	1,610	212	214	0.9
Virginia	96	96	1,460	1,440	140	138	-1.4
Washington	265	261	2,040	2,005	541	523	-3.3
Wisconsin	1,264	1,271	1,745	1,820	2,206	2,313	4.9
23 State Total	8,463	8,495	1,813	1,803	15,342	15,313	-0.2

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Idaho Cattle on Feed Up 5 Percent from Previous Year

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on September 1, 2012 totaled 205,000 head, up 5 percent from the previous year. The cattle on feed inventory is up 8 percent from August 1, 2012. Placements of cattle in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during August totaled 53,000 head, up 23 percent from August 2011 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during August totaled 37,000 head, down 5,000 head from last year. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during August.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on September 1, 2012. The inventory was 1 percent below September 1, 2011. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.00 million, 11 percent below 2011. This is the second lowest cattle placements for the month of August since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.94 million head. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 482,000, 600-699 pounds were 385,000, 700-799 pounds were 475,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 660,000. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.96 million, 5 percent below 2011. Other disappearance totaled 61,000 during August, 15 percent below 2011.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ¹

State	September 1, 2011	August 1, 2012	September 1, 2012		
			Number	% of previous year	% of previous month
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	283	274	271	96	99
California	475	475	480	101	101
Colorado	990	940	930	94	99
Idaho	195	190	205	105	108
Iowa	530	600	590	111	98
Kansas	2,210	2,160	2,170	98	100
Nebraska	2,010	2,230	2,240	111	100
Oklahoma	365	320	325	89	102
South Dakota	190	190	185	97	97
Texas	2,890	2,650	2,620	91	99
Washington	193	210	208	108	99
Other States	369	417	413	112	99
United States	10,700	10,656	10,637	99	100

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

September 1 Hop Stocks Up 10 Percent from Last Year

The inventory of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on September 1, 2012, totaled 96 million pounds, 10 percent more than the September 1, 2011 estimate. This is the highest level for September 1 hop stocks. The previous record of 87 million pounds was set on September 1, 2011.

Stocks held by brewers, at 52.0 million pounds, were up 16 percent from the last two previous years. Stocks held by dealers and growers on September 1, 2012 totaled 44.0 million pounds, up 5 percent from the stocks on hand last year.